THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K, SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) Total are under foodgrains production for Kharif and Rabi during 1990-98 are given below:

(Area in Million Hectares)

	Kharif	Rabi	Total
1990-91	80.78	47.06	127.84
1991-92	78.02	43.85	121.87
1992-93	77.92	45.23	123.15
1993-94	75.81	46.94	122.75
1994-95	75.19	48.67	123.86
1995-96	73.60	47.41	121.01
1996-97	75.34	48.24	123.58
1997-98	74.23	49.84	124.07

The area under Kharif foodgrains has declined mainly due to shift of area from coarse cereals to commerical crops.

(d) The total area under principal crops during 1997-98 was 165.81 million hectares compared to 165.38 million hectares during 1990-91. Thus the area has not declined.

Public and Private Investment in Agriculture

1551. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) both public and private investment, in real terms, in agriculture during last five years;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the public investment in agriculture;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) steps taken to increase public investment in agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The details of public and private investment (at 1993-94 prices) in agriculture during th elast five years are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

s. No.	Year	Public Investment	Private Investment
1.	93-94	4468	11377
2.	94-95	4970	13244
3.	95-96	4776	15168
4.	96-97	4347	15555
5.	97-98	4416	16579

—(SOURCE=Economy Survey 1998-99)

The above data reveals that although public investment declined from the year 1994-95 upto 1996-97, yet it increased during the year 1997-98 as compared to the investment in 1996-97.

(d) The Government is implementing inter-alia, following schemes for increasing investment in Agriculture:

(i) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) initiated in 1996-97 for providing assistance to States by way of loan for timely completion of selected large and multi-purpose irrigation projects.

(ii) Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) within the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development established in 1995-96.

(iii) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) launched in 1990-91 for a holistic and sustainable development of vast rainfed areas.

Target of production of foodgrains

1552. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for the production of foodgrains during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) what has been the achievements during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(c) the prospects for 1999-2000; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase agriculture production?